

# Beef Between Clerks, Drug Chain Before Arbitrator

# LOCAL AUTO, APPLIANCE DEALERS WELCOME END OF CREDIT CONTROLS

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## Merchants Resume Long Term Sales

Regulation "W," the high down payment, short-term financing on automobiles, TV sets, furniture and other appliances was lifted by the government shortly after noon yesterday.

Abolished is the one-third down payment required on new car purchases. Gone also is the 18-month limit on financing.

According to the announcement made by the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, no longer is it mandatory that purchasers put 15 per cent down on radios, TV sets, furniture and other home appliances.

The 36-month financing period on home repairs has been lifted, according to a spokesman in the Los Angeles branch of the Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco.

Abolishment of the credit controls was hailed by Torrance auto dealers, furniture and appliance dealers as a "terrific boon to business."

Less than 45 minutes after the announcement was made yesterday, the Herald was receiving calls from local auto dealers who wished to advertise new cars for sale at chopped down payment prices with small monthly payments.

## Demands Climb To 650 for Men To Fill Jobs

The "Help Wanted" sign is still hanging in the door of the California State Employment Service which this week listed 650 jobs available in and near Torrance.

Last week Mrs. Winona Ellis, manager of the state agency, 1628 Cravens Ave., launched a manhunt for workers to fill 300 requests for male workers. This week the demand for men climbed to 650 requests in spite of the fact that a considerable number of jobs filled within the past seven days.

Mrs. Ellis claims that not since the peak production days of World War II has there been such a demand for men and such a scarcity of workers in this area.

Mr. Melvin Sparks, placement interviewer and veteran representative, said:

"We need men, badly. Both skilled and unskilled. This is the first time since the war that the demand for unskilled labor has exceeded the supply."

The story of the "manhunt" was first carried in last week's Torrance Herald. In a letter to the Herald this week Mrs. Ellis wrote:

"Your recent newspaper article brought some 100 inquiries to the office and was undoubtedly instrumental in filling many of the job openings listed."

"We now have 650 job openings listed, which we are attempting to fill as qualified workers come into the office."

She indicated there were also some jobs available for women. In some instances local industries are offering on-the-job training in an effort to get men. In other plants women under 45 years of age with post-war experience are being sought.

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# Teachers Get \$250 Pay Boost; 1952-53 Contract List Revealed

## Professor Sits As Arbitrator In Union Tiff

A Whittier College professor is sitting, here as arbitrator in the first arbitration ever held in Torrance by the Retail Clerks Union and the Harbor Area Employers Council.

The issue under study involves approximately \$30,000 in back pay and the status of several union employees of the McCown Drug Stores.

Haskell Tidwell, executive secretary of Retail Clerks Union Local 905, testifying at the first session of the arbitration in the City Council chambers on Sunday, stated that seven past and present employees of the McCown Drug Stores are assistant managers and as such are entitled to \$110 per week for 1951.

John Binkley, attorney for the Harbor Area Employers Council, maintains the employees are clerks with supervisory duties and are entitled to only \$65 per week for the past year.

The attorney is basing his arguments against granting of the assistant manager status to the employees on the grounds that no previous complaint had been filed by the union although the clause has been in the drug contracts for more than 10 years.

"There is no definition in the contract. It is hazy and confused regarding the duties and entitlements of assistant managers," Binkley claims.

Tidwell is seeking to make the terms of the contract retroactive to 1948. He stated that only McCown Drug and



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MONKEY BUSINESS . . . Deputy Sheriff A. J. Sully had little luck in coaxing Tong off his perch in a Narbonne Ave. market Tuesday evening after the little monkey wandered in through the open door to mingle with the late shoppers. The owner, Richard F. Leonard, of 2305 W. 241st St., finally showed up and cornered Tong behind a barrel. He said Tong got away while he was being put in his cage for the night.

## 13,801 Voters Register for June Primaries

Registration figures released yesterday afternoon by County Registrar Ben S. Hite show Torrance's voting lineup like this:

Democrats	8545
Republicans	4664
Independent Progressives	19
Prohibition	6
Miscellaneous	21
Declined to State	546
<b>Total</b>	<b>13,801</b>

Registration in Torrance totaled 11,008, according to City Clerk A. H. Bartlett. The new registration total shows a gain of nearly 2800.

The new figure of nearly 14,000 registered voters for Torrance reflects those that are eligible to vote in the June 3 primaries.

## Siren Blasts Raid Alert, But It's a Test

That whining siren which sounded for three minutes in downtown Torrance yesterday noon was an air raid alert test conducted at the Navy Supply Depot for Navy personnel.

The noise had downtown shoppers all wondering what happened.

## Pay Raises Take Effect Next July 1

Teachers, administrators and other school employees will get a salary increase when the 1952-53 budget goes into effect starting July 1, the Board of Education declared Tuesday evening.

In a move to bring Torrance personnel on a parity with other competing districts in California, the Board of Education approved a salary hike recommendation proposed by Superintendent of Schools Dr. J. H. Hull.

Teachers and administrators will receive a straight \$250 per year increase, elevating their average salary to \$4100 per year. Certain other employees were granted a \$20 per month pay hike.

In addition, the earned increment pay raise, an automatic hike in salary for seniority, was boosted to a flat \$150 for all steps. Previously, teachers and administrators who had been with the district the longest received less in earned step raises each year than new teachers.

Dr. Hull pointed out. The recommendation was made by school administrators after long confabs with a teachers' salary committee.

## Board Lists Teachers To Be Rehired

Teachers who will be offered contracts with the Torrance Unified School District for the 1952-53 terms were listed Tuesday evening by the Board of Education.

Several resignations were accepted, some for personal reasons, others because the teachers have accepted new jobs, or are moving out of the district. Following is a list of those who will be offered jobs with the various schools:

**Crenshaw**  
Wallace Bruce Mauer Jr. (principal), Lura V. Ashiro, Eucher, Barbara Van Vranken Anderson, Elmer Davenport Boland, Barbara Jean Bolter, Joanne Champlin, Ruby McClelland Cleve, Patricia Ann Cummings, Harriet Tooley Hellig, Howard Merrill Hulzing, Veda L. Knoll, Margaret Evelyn Lawrence, John P. Martin, Dorothy Claire Moncrieff, Lena Redfern, John Henry Sudekum Jr., Eva McCormick, Thomas S. Edna Earle Wright, Emily Stanton Young.

**El Nido**  
Wallace Bruce Mauer Jr. (principal), Robert Donald Evans, Marie Stanley Friel, D. Pearl Hebert, Vinita R. Miller, Wanda Ryan Reynolds.

**Fern**  
Charles Isaac Crecolius (principal), Barbara Van Vranken Anderson, Elmer Davenport Boland, Barbara Jean Bolter, Joanne Champlin, Ruby McClelland Cleve, Patricia Ann Cummings, Harriet Tooley Hellig, Howard Merrill Hulzing, Veda L. Knoll, Margaret Evelyn Lawrence, John P. Martin, Dorothy Claire Moncrieff, Lena Redfern, John Henry Sudekum Jr., Eva McCormick, Thomas S. Edna Earle Wright, Emily Stanton Young.

**Greenwood**  
Raymond Frederick Ehlman (principal), Frank Harold Bentwood, Patricia Corzons Bowdler, Joe Tubel Brandon, Alfred G. Buchanan, Catherine Mary Chisholm, Catherine Christina Gault, Katherine E. Kentia, Gladys Cox Lewis, William Bayles Lewis Jr., Louise Robbins Smith, Mary Leah Solosky.

**Madrona**  
Herman Henry Schick (principal), Mary Elizabeth Burruss, Don DeFill, David Jean Matter, Marilyn Carnahan Ragan, Lovina Valle Sheehan, Jan Little Verdall, Joanne Witte Wolla.

**North Torrance**  
Donald Lee Robinson (principal), Lloyd George Jones (vice-principal), George William Ackerman, Mildred Law Bergman, Janet Hay Bolinger, William James Clark, Betty J. Cresswell, Lillian Higby Dean, James A. Richard, Downing, Carolyn Floyd, Ethel Brooks Gill, Dorothy S. Imara Goldsmith, Betty Jane Adams Hardesty, Alice White Hedgecock, Eloise Berere Loomis, Gilda Oliver Marquette, Sandra Cole Marzolis, Moby Margaret Marshall, Olive Mary Marshall, Lavonne Walden McCreary, Donald Francis Mullaney, James D. Ochs, Vera Jean Park, Valda Smith Pilgrime, Janet Brooks Robinson, Ethel Boomer Small, Lyda Reid Willis.

**Perry**  
Lester Irvin Foster (principal), Cecil Darwin Alberts, Janet A. Apfel, Eleanor Lortua Bailey, Erna Deauville Bennett, Doris Dickinson Cressier, May Rose Dalton, Honore E. Dan, Maralin J. Dice, Lucille Davidson Harlan, Donald Alfred Hoffman, Betty A. O'Brian, Arlene H. Pederson, Roland Kurt Petrat, Isabelle Bellamy Wagner, Jim E. Williams.

**Torrance Elm**  
Robert C. Morton (Principal), George March (Vice-Principal), Seena E. Leichter Bonstead, Margaret Kocke Underer Bradford, Hubert Lincoln Brier, Williams, Jay Brodat, Helen Marie Brown, Lois C. Adams Christensen, Margaret Martin Davies, Toni Louise Gonswer, Kenneth Sawyer Goodman, Clara Sophie Gutzkow, Janice Veretung, Hanson, Lenora Johnson Heater, Lois Mae Hoffman, Venus Knoll, Jewell Carolyn Lawrence, David Saloma Legokowsky, Muriel Nell

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STRAW BOSS . . . Getting in a couple of early licks in the YMCA clean-up program are Mill Isbell (right) former executive secretary of the "Y" and Dr. Rollin R. Smith, new chairman of the board of managers. Giving the advice is pretty Betty Burman, secretary at the "Y." The cleanup campaign will get under way in earnest Saturday morning. Anyone with a shovel or hoe will be welcomed.

## 40th Division Men Arrive at Seattle Port

Six Torrance and one Harbor City men were listed as members of the 40th Division who arrived at Seattle Saturday on the Transport General House.

They are M/Sgt. N. P. Baker, 1518 Anapola Ave.; Pfc. Wilson Paxton, Jr., 1504 Madrid Ave.; Cpl. Thomas Kavathas, 20840 Market St.; Cpl. L. D. Steele, 1320 Cota Ave.; Cpl. John R. Blackmon, 4126 W. 215th St., and Cpl. Frank Elliott, 2177 W. 217th Street.

Harbor City returnee is Pfc. Hubert E. Looney, 1214 W. 256th Street.

## Wallace Resignation Accepted by Board

Resignation of Charles Wallace, Torrance High School vice principal, was accepted by the Board of Education Tuesday night. His resignation becomes effective June 13.

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BUMP CAR POLISHERS . . . Who says kids aren't smart. Larry Hunt, left and Howard Owen eyed this opportunity to polish a few cars and get a free ride soon after the Fun Carnival moved onto the lot at Cravens and Engracia Aves. yesterday. Sponsored for the benefit of the Torrance Youth Band, the fun frolic will continue until Sunday night.

## To Keep Baby's Shoes From Slipping . . .

To keep baby's shoes from slipping, put strips of adhesive tape on the soles. And, to keep your cash reserve from slipping, place a Classified Ad in the Big "9's" nine newspapers covering the greater Torrance trading area just like a blanket.

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Harbor City Herald  
Neighborhood News  
Riviera-Seaside Sun  
North Torrance Times  
El Nido News  
Keystone Courier

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